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DATE: March 9, 2015

NEWS RELEASE

Police Investigate Shooting Outside Northeast Restaurant

Date/Time: 03-07-15 @ 3:44 pm
Location: 5315 Hondo Pass (Casita Linda Mexican Restaurant)
Victim: 36-year old Daniel Castro of 9000 Hyde Park, El Paso, TX
Victim: 37-year old Jesus Castro of 9000 Hyde Park, El Paso, TX
Arrested: 38-year old Joe Herrera of 5000 Round Rock, El Paso, TX

EL PASO, TEXAS: The Crimes Against Persons unit of the El Paso Police Department has charged 38-year old Joe Herrera with two counts of Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon after Saturday's shooting at Casita Linda Restaurant that sent two men to an area hospital. The investigation revealed that 36-year old Daniel Castro and he brother 37-year old Jesus Castro went to the restaurant to pick up a take-out order of food. Daniel Castro was a former employee of the restaurant and entered the kitchen area while his brother waited in the lobby. Herrera (manager) and D. Castro became engaged in a verbal argument and D. Castro was told to leave and pay for the take-out order of food. D. Castro refused to pay and a scuffle occurred in the lobby. Herrera followed D. Castro and J. Castro into the parking lot where the confrontation continued and Herrera shot both D. Castro and J. Castro. D. Castro and J. Castro were transported to University Medical Center (UMC) where both were listed in critical but stable condition. Herrera was booked into the El Paso County Jail on two counts of Agg. Assault with a Deadly Weapon and his was set at \$5,000.00 for each count.

History 03-07-2015

Officers assigned to the Northeast Regional Command Center responded to a shooting call at 3:44 p.m., Saturday, March 7, 2015 at the Casita Linda Mexican Restaurant located at 5315 Hondo Pass. Officers arrived and located two males the victims of gunshot wounds. Both men were transported to an area hospital for treatment of their injuries. Crimes Against Persons (CAP) was called to assist with the investigation. The preliminary investigation has revealed that an altercation occurred between the victims and an employee of the restaurant. The altercation moved from inside the restaurant to the parking lot and escalated resulting in the victims sustaining gunshot wounds. CAP continues their investigation.

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